

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Advisory Action mailed on April 8, 2004. It is supplemental to the response filed by Applicant on March 1, 2004 in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 31, 2003.

Claims 17, 18 and 36 are canceled. No claims are added or amended. As a result, claims 21-23, 26, 27, 31-33, 37-40, 42, 44 and 46 are now pending in this application.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 21-23, 26, 27, 31-33, 37-40, 42, 44 and 46 were allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are allowed and that this application is therefore in condition for a Notice of Allowance, receipt of which at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, Walter W. Nielsen (located in Phoenix, Arizona) at (602) 298-8920, or the below-signed attorney (located in Minneapolis, Minnesota) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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